

## **Operations**

**Subject:**      **School Bus Service**

**Information:** School Bus Service: Under FTA requirements, school bus service means transportation by bus exclusively for school students, personnel and equipment in Type I and Type II school vehicles as defined in Highway Safety Program Standard No. 17.

Tripper Service: Means regularly scheduled mass transportation service which is open to the public and is designed or modified to accommodate the needs of school students and personnel. Buses used in Tripper Service must be clearly marked as open to the public and may not carry designations such as "school bus" or "school special."

49 CFR PART 605 prescribes the eligible and the noneligible uses for eligible authorities and government agencies of FTA funded equipment and facilities for the provision of school bus and tripper service. The FTA recipients are prohibited from using the aforesaid equipment and facilities for school bus service but are not prohibited from using the aforesaid equipment and facilities for tripper service.

ACT 51 of the State of Michigan, as the administrative conduit, established the Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF) for the distribution of FTA grants. Exclusive school services are excluded from CTF funding. Tripper service as defined by FTA is eligible for CTF funding.

### **Actions Needed:**

- If it is determined that a transit agency is performing school bus service, they are to discontinue service.

**Contact:** If you have any questions on this procedure, feel free to contact your PTD Project Manager.

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